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MEDICAL INSTRUMENT INTO HUMAN BODY

AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 15, 2009, in the above application. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading "LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS". The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application including any current amendments. This list of claims is intended to supersede all prior listing(s) of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.